

FRISKY MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Develops a Plania for Kissing at a Wedding.

Elizabethtown, Ky., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Miss Barbara Hall Daugherty, of this place, was married last evening to Mr. Thomas John DeWitt by Magistrate Quince W. Johnson in the office of County Court Clerk before a large and interested crowd.

When the gallant 'Squire had reached the middle of the best ceremony Mrs. Laura Daugherty, mother to the bride, made a rush for him, threw herself upon his breast and kissed him squarely in the mouth. Amid shouts and laughter the Magistrate thrust aside his embarrassment and concluded the ceremony.

Albert Hamilton, a liveryman, procured his best and handsomest carriage, handed the happy couple and the newly made mother-in-law into its capacious depth. While the carriage, with its prancing bays, was driven around the public square, the newly made mother-in-law espied 'Squire Johnson standing on the court house steps gazing in the distance with a far away look in his blue-gray eyes. She had the driver stop the horses and shouted to the 'Squire to come to her. Thinking she intended to pay him for uniting her precious and tender darling to a big, rough man, the innocent 'Squire complied. Instead of giving him money, she tried to kiss him again, though by ducking and side-stepping, he avoided her and made a hasty retreat to the cover of his own roof.

The Oath Taken by Porto Ricans.

Ponce, Porto Rico, August 6.—(Special.)—The oath taken by officials of Porto Rican towns was framed and administered by Col. Clous, the judge advocate of Gen. Miles' staff.

This is the first time in history of the United States that the judges of a foreign and hostile but conquered country have sworn to support the Constitution of the United States. The oath follows:

"I declare, under oath, that during the occupation of the Island of Porto Rico by the United States I will renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty, particularly the Queen Regent and the King of Spain, and will support the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic, and will bear true faith and allegiance to the same.

"Further, I will faithfully support the Government of the United States established by the military authorities in the Island of Porto Rico, and yield obedience to the same, and take the obligation freely, without mental reservation or with the purpose of evasion, so help me God."

Another Bank Robbery.

Richland, Mich., Aug. 6.—One of the most daring and successful bank robberies ever perpetrated in Michigan was carried out by six robbers. Some of them came from east on a hand-car, and evidently had confederates with a horse and carriage. They secured about \$5,000 in cash from the Union Bank and \$4,600 in notes. The horse and carriage were taken into Augusta and left there. There were three explosions, which awakened many people.

CLIPPED AND COMPILED.

Doves are plentiful and shooting good.

The District Association will be held at Bowleyville August 11.

Wheat and tobacco will make the Pennyrile farmers rich this year.

Mr. I. C. Bartlett, the new I. C. agent at Owensboro, has taken charge of his office.

Home grown watermelons are now in the market and the colored brother is in his glory.

Pettie Gore, seven-year-old boy, broke his leg at Owensboro by jumping from a hay wagon.

The last hoghead of strips in Hopkins county has been sold to Mr. R. C. Pritchett, of Corydon.

Owensboro has a Business Men's Association that promises to be a very useful and active organization.

Col. Geo. W. Jolly, Republican candidate for Congress in the Second district, has begun his speaking tour.

Poles are being erected in Cloverport for the new telephone line that is to be run from Fordsville to Owensboro.

THE LADRONES.

Interesting Information Concerning This Group of Islands.

The Ladrone group, whose industries have been blighted by Spanish rule, comprises about 20 islands, only five or six of which are inhabited, the rest being mere dots on the ocean, the tips of volcanoes which have sunk, the neath the sea as the crust of the earth at this point subsided. The principal islands of the group are Guahan, Rota, Aguijan, Saypan and Tinian; but the largest, Guahan, which has an area of only 200 square miles, forms nearly one-half the land area of the entire group. Lying as they do, almost directly under the equator, they have every variety of tropical product and under proper conditions their population might become wealthy from agriculture alone, for no finer cotton, coffee, sugar, nor tobacco, can be grown in the world than are raised in the Ladrone islands. The people labor no more than they are obliged to, and in the tropics no one is really compelled to work, for an abundant supply of food grows without cultivation, and clothing and shelter are almost unnecessary.

The present islanders are mostly descendants of settlers from Mexico or from the Philippine islands. The people do not differ materially from the natives of the Philippines and although the islands have several good harbors the Spaniards have done little or nothing for their improvement. The most considerable town on any of the group is Saypan, on the island of the same name, the houses of which, like most of those in the South Sea islands, are elevated on piles from two to four feet above the ground. There are few Spanish settlers on the islands and the hold of Spain upon the group has been for the most part nominal.

It is a singular fact, discovered by Anson, that there are evidences on several of the islands of a former civilization. Cyclopean ruins exist, the architecture and dimensions of the stones closely resembling the great ruins found in the island of the Greek archipelago. These lonely isles must therefore, at one time, have been a seat of civilization. Perhaps it was before they became islands, for the Ladrone islands are the remains of a mountain chain, which traverses the Pacific from north to south, having branches to the east in other scattered groups which here and there dot the surface of the sea.

To the United States the value of the islands is at present principally military, as furnishing harbors and coaling stations, but under an enlightened government there seems no reason to doubt that with proper cultivation the cotton of the islands would equal that produced along the coast of South Carolina, the sugar would rival that of Cuba and Puerto Rico, and, it is said, that the tobacco of the Ladrone has a flavor equal to that of Vuelta Abajo valley. Any developments within limits of climate and soil is possible under civilized government, and the Ladrone may have before them a future as great as that which lies before Puerto Rico.

The islands were discovered by Ferdinand Magellan on March 6, 1521. He named them Ladrone, or Thieves' islands. Not long after Magellan perished in a fight which he and his men provoked with the Philippine islanders. Of his five ships, only one, with 13 men, returned to Spain and many years elapsed ere any attempts were made to occupy the islands which he had discovered. Towards the end of the seventeenth century, a military expedition from Mexico took possession of the islands and renamed them the Mariana group. The natives at that time numbered at least 40,000, some estimates placing the population as high as 60,000, but following their usual custom elsewhere, the Spaniards soon exterminated almost the entire population.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

A MINISTER'S EIGHT RULES.

They Will Insure the Success of His Church and Pastoral Work.

Mrs. Lyman Abbott, in Ladies' Home Journal, lays down eight rules that are essential to a minister's successful church and pastoral work. These she has the minister himself proclaim:

1. I must be always ready to call when invited.
2. Must catch at every straw of an errand to take me to one of my people.
3. Draw out from others their interests rather than intrude my own, but always assume a common interest in the improvement of the town.
4. Never leave a house without having something on which to hang another call.
5. Never meet a person with criticism or fault-finding.
6. Prepare for calling as truly as for preaching.
7. Study especially the Master's way, and try to carry His spirit with me.
8. Keep always in mind that it is my business to bring men to a consciousness of God, and to an understanding of their relationship with Him.

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